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Steve Raymer, a *National Geographic* photographer and associate professor of Journalism at Indiana University, conducted a May 20-24 program in Manila. He addressed media ethics and photojournalism issues.

He discussed the challenges that journalists face when covering conflict when he spoke to an audience of nearly 50 students at the University of the Philippines School of Mass Communications. Then with 20 press photographers, he led a forum on "Finding the Right Moment," discussing the role that photographers play in "telling a story, stimulating emotion and taking readers where they cannot go themselves." At the Philippine Press Institute, he spoke on media ethics with a group of 15 photojournalists and editors from leading Philippine dailies.

He participated in a two-hour interview and photo shoot with *People Asia* magazine, and he was guest on "Straight Talk," a popular, hour-long TV talk show.

At a forum sponsored by the Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation, he addressed more than 150 professional and amateur photographers emphasizing that photojournalists, as "eyewitnesses of history,...take an unblinking look at life."

## Photojournalist Raymer Speaks on Media Concerns



Professor Steve Raymer (second from left) spoke at the May 24-25 American Studies Summer Institute at De La Salle. He is shown in front of the "Headlines of History, 9/11" poster show with ACAO Molly Stephenson, a young scholar, PAO Michael Anderson and CAO Thomas Kral.

At the Asia Society on May 22 and at the PAEF Office on May 23, he discussed his efforts "to put a human face on Islam in Southeast Asia" with his new book *Living Faith*. Nearly 100 people, including academics, media representatives, government and NGO leaders and diplomats attended these talks. One guest commented that the lecture and

photographs broadened his outlook on Islam in his home region of Southeast Asia.

Professor Raymer concluded his lecture series by delivering the opening plenary at the U.S. Embassy-sponsored American Studies Conference on "Conflict Management and Resolution: The U.S. Experience," at De La Salle University.

## Public Affairs Officer Michael Anderson Transfers to New Delhi

Dr. Michael H. Anderson departed Manila on July 1 to prepare to take up his



Dr. Michael H. Anderson

new responsibilities as the Counselor for Public Affairs at the U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, India. Beginning his foreign service career in the Philippines as the Assistant Information Officer from 1982 to 1985 and serving as Counselor for Public Affairs and PAEF chairman since 1998, Dr. Anderson has seen the Philippines through the best and the worst of recent times.

A tireless professional, he has worked hard to further the role of the Public Affairs Section (formerly USIS) in getting accurate information out to the public and expanding opportunities for

cultural and educational exchanges. During these years he has won hundreds of friends and admirers.

Under Dr. Anderson's leadership, the high-tech Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC) was established, the Thomasites' centennial observed, an International Visitors alumni association established and the Fulbright scholarship program significantly expanded.

Dr. Anderson's replacement, Ronald J. Post, currently Public Affairs Officer in Rangoon, will arrive by mid-August.



**Photographers Smile!** Romy Gacad, Maricor Lustre, Erik de Castro, Mandy Navasero, Steve Raymer, Bullit Marquez, Public Affairs Officer Dr. Michael H. Anderson, and David Greedy ham it up for the camera at the Manila reception in honor of a visiting "National Geographic" photojournalist and journalism professor, Steve Raymer.

Institute of Philippine Culture. His paper, "Migrants to the Coasts: Ethnicity, Community, and Natural Resource Management in Northern Palawan," looked at the coastal fishing and farming communities formed in Palawan by migrants from the Visayas and elsewhere in the Philippines in the context of natural resource management programs. Dr Eder described the multiple interests and actors within these communities and how the different ethnic groups shape local institutions and influence decision-making pertaining to resource management.

Dr. Terrence Besel, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, has been studying the commercial wood energy system in Cebu while teaching classes at the University of San Carlos. Based on his fieldwork, his April 29 lecture at the PAEF Office focused on the land-use practices of Cebu's upland farmers and how these people have been influenced by commercial woodfuel demand. He made the case that the bulk of Cebu's woodfuel supply comes from intensively managed tree/shrub lands harvested on a rotational basis. Though he sees Cebu's woodfuel supply system as sustainable, the government and several NGOs are calling for tighter regulation and/or an outright ban on woodfuel production/  
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## PAEF News

### PAEF Launches U.S. Education Website

The Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) has launched a website, [www.paef.org.ph](http://www.paef.org.ph), designed to provide Filipinos with easy access to a wide range of information about U.S. educational opportunities.

Dr. Michael Anderson, Public Affairs Officer of the U.S. Embassy and Chairman of the PAEF Board, was the first official user of the site. PAEF Executive Director Dr. Alex Calata and American Fulbright scholars joined Dr. Anderson at the recent launching ceremony in the new PAEF offices in the Ayala Life-FGU Center, Makati.

"With this new and very user-friendly site, Filipinos interested in U.S. educational opportunities, including scholarships, will now have easy access to a wide range of useful information," Dr. Anderson said. "Prospective Fulbright and Humphrey grantees may even download application forms directly from the new site."

### Departing American Fulbrighters Report Their Research Findings

Five American Fulbright scholars have completed their research projects in the

Philippines and made end-of-grant presentations. These "exit presentations" are conducted at the PAEF office or such venues as the Institute of Philippine Culture or the Metropolitan Museum of Manila, attracting audiences of diverse interests.

On April 29, Dr. James Eder, Professor of Anthropology at Arizona State University reported on his research in Palawan at the



**PAEF Board Welcomes New Ambassador:** U.S. Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone (fifth from right), a Fulbright alumnus, met May 21 with the board of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF). During the luncheon meeting, the Ambassador recalled his rewarding experiences as a Fulbrighter in Italy and an English teacher. He also gave plaques of appreciation to departing board members Counselor for Public Affairs Michael Anderson, Agricultural Attachè Charles Alexander, Ambassador Minerva Jean A. Falcon of DFA, and businessman Gregg Marshall.

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sale. He contends that such moves may do more to harm Cebu's upland environment than help it.

Anna Senner, a BA in Chemistry from the University of San Diego and Fulbright Scholar in Biochemistry at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in Los Banos, reported on "Golden Rice: Can Biotechnology Help Solve the Problem of Vitamin A Deficiency in the Developing World?" at the PAEF Office on May 13. Named for its slightly yellow color, Golden Rice is a genetically modified crop developed to increase the nutritional value of the rice endosperm. This edible portion of the rice plant is engineered to carry the genes for beta-carotene (pro-Vitamin A) synthesis, the precursor to Vitamin A in the human body. The goal of cultivating Golden Rice is to reduce Vitamin A Deficiency (VAD), which the World Health Organization estimates affects as many as 400 million people across the globe.

Senner's presentation provided an introduction to the Golden Rice Project at IRRI, an update on its current work, and the specifics of her personal lab assignment. She also included a short explanation of the controversy preventing biotechnology from gaining widespread acceptance.

Costume designer and 2001 – 2002 Fulbright scholar Ms. Laura Jean Crow presented "Traveling the Philippine Festival Trail" at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila on May 15, and at the PAEF Office on May 16. In her introduction, she stated: "Before coming to the Philippines, my image of Philippine costume was based largely on the inspired costumes by Bill Santos for the Bayanihan dance troupe, which sought to highlight the multi-cultural aspects of the Philippine Islands....The more I studied about the Philippines, the more I became convinced that it was a great place to study the theory that a blending of cultures almost always creates a new and more theatrical image. Since most of the blending of cultures happens at festival time, it is only logical that these blends will become larger than life, or theatrical in scale." She contends that the island nature of the Philippines has allowed for cultural diversity to be maintained in the different regions.

Robert Ingenito, BA in Anthropology and Music from Skidmore College and 2001-2002 Fulbright Scholar in Anthropology, spent part of the past year studying at the



**Aquino Center Opens:** *Former President Corazon Aquino recently hosted members of the Public Affairs Office during their visit of the new Aquino Center in Tarlac. The museum and conference center display photos and memorabilia of Ninoy and Cory Aquino, including Mrs. Aquino's 1996 J. William Fulbright Prize for International Understanding. Shown from left to right are Cultural Specialist Marilou Apolinario, Public Affairs Officer Michael Anderson, former Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Heide Bronke, Mrs. Aquino, Cultural Affairs Officer Thomas Kral, and current Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Molly Stephenson.*

University of the Philippines, Diliman, and four months living at the Loob Bunga Resettlement Area in Botolan, Zambales, where he conducted ethnographic research among the children of resettled victims of the 1991 Mt. Pinatubo eruption. His presentation, "Children of Resettlement: Place, Identity, and Hunger in the Rural Philippines," examined the powerful idioms and discourses that children express regarding place and identity in the midst of hunger. He contends that hunger for the children of the Loob Bunga Resettlement

Area is not just a lack of food, but a cultural, political construction that mediates the process of place making, and conditions their formation of identity. In this manner, hunger ironically "nourishes" and conditions their identity as well as directs their conceptualization of Loob Bunga as a place of poverty. At the same time, expressions of hunger generate critiques and serve as powerful idioms of identity in distress. These idioms speak towards and

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against their lives, their social relations and their future within the broader world.

### Fulbright New Century Scholar Program Begins Recruitment for 2002 - 2003

The Fulbright New Century Scholar (NCS) Program will bring together 30 research scholars and professionals from the United States and participating countries around the world for interdisciplinary, collaborative research on the 2002-2003 theme "Sectarian, Ethnic and Cultural Conflict within and across National Borders."

The NCS program will encourage innovative, theoretical, conceptual, empirical work examining the religious, cultural and ethnic dimensions of conflict. Contact the PAEF office for more information about this program. Applications will be screened in Manila before being sent to Washington, D.C. by October 1, 2002.

### Mindanao Professor Receives Fulbright/ APSA Congressional Fellowship

Professor Elizabeth Soriano, instructor at Xavier University, is a recipient of the FY-2002 Fulbright/American Political Science Association (APSA) Congressional Fellowship Program. Her project, "Federalism as an Alternative for Peace and Development in the Philippines: Learning from the American Example," will cover a ten-month grant beginning in August 2002 at Washington, D.C. Professor Soriano is the first person from the Philippines to win this prestigious award.

### AIA Announces New Fellowship Projects

Early last year, the U.S. Department of State and the Institute for International Education (IIE) established the Humphrey Alumni Impact Awards (AIAs), funded jointly by the State Department and IIE, to expand the impact of the Humphrey Fellowship experiences. The deadline for the fiscal year 2003 competition is September 1, 2002.

Please visit the IIE Humphrey Program website at [www.iie.org/pgms/hhh](http://www.iie.org/pgms/hhh) or <http://www.iie.org/pgms/hhh> (under "Program Resources for Alumni") to download the application form and read the guidelines. For more information, you may contact Amy Guffy of the IIE Humphrey Program office, E-mail: [aguffy@iie.org](mailto:aguffy@iie.org).



*DLSU and the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section co-sponsored the third American Studies Summer Institute conference on conflict management and resolution. DLSU American Studies Program Coordinator Bro. Gregory Wright, U.S. Ambassador Ricciardone, U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Counselor Dr. Michael Anderson and DLSU International Studies Department Chair Dr. Isagani Cruz were among the attendees.*

## American Studies

### De La Salle and Miriam Hold Third Annual American Studies Summer Institute

The third annual American Studies Summer Institute (ASSI), sponsored by the Public Affairs Section in cooperation with Miriam College and De La Salle University, took place May 3-26 on the theme "Conflict Management and Resolution: The U.S. Experience." Sixteen professors from a cross section of universities throughout the archipelago participated in the institute, hosted by Miriam College and 150 scholars joined the group for a two-day conference at De La Salle University that concluded the institute.

For the opening session of the institute, the Cultural Affairs Office organized a digital video conference (DVC) at the U.S. Embassy with former U.S. Ambassador to Laos Charles Salmon, currently Foreign Policy Advisor at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies in Honolulu. Ambassador Salmon gave a historical overview of the U.S. experience in conflict avoidance, conflict management and conflict resolution, discussing the passage from American isolationism to global involvement. He saw the approach that the U.S. government takes in conflict management as dependent on the

particular nature of the crisis. In some cases, the American government works with local governmental bodies and NGOs while situations require the U.S. to be a part of supranational, collective efforts that may involve the U.N., NATO, ASEAN and other international alliances.

Two courses, each of forty hours duration, were conducted at Miriam College. The first course was implemented by Miriam's Center for Women's Studies and dealt with Human Rights; and the second course focused on "Negotiations," taught by Fulbright Senior Specialist Daniel Druckman, Professor of Conflict Resolution at George Mason University in Northern Virginia.

Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone delivered the opening remarks at the two-day conference. Noting that the management of conflict, including the avoidance of conflict, is the focus of diplomacy and the responsibility of all citizens of any country, the Ambassador described this year's ASSI theme as a priority focus for educators. The conference featured an international array of speakers, including scholars from Taiwan and Singapore, in addition to the Philippines and United States. The paper show *Headlines of History: 9/11* was displayed during the conference, and American Studies related textbooks published by the U.S. Department of State were sold.

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### American Studies Resource Center Directors Exchange Views in Manila

The Cultural Affairs Office organized a one-day Manila colloquium for the directors and academic program advisers of the ten American Studies Resource Centers (ASRCs) on May 23. Now in their nineteenth year of operation, the ASRCs continue to play an important role in supporting the teaching of American Studies and English in the Philippines, and they serve as venues for speaker programs and paper shows. Several of the ASRCs and their affiliated program committees have been successful in getting their universities to establish special courses and degree programs in American Studies, and some have embarked on a bookmobile/rotating library program to give schools in rural communities access to information about the United States. Building on these initiatives, TJIC Director Eva Brillo discussed new options for electronic outreach that are available to the ASRC, and she promoted the use of the videos resulting from recent DVCs organized by the Cultural Affairs Office for local programming use. During the colloquium, Dr Steven Rood and Dr. Efrem Balajadia of The Asia Foundation presented 24 boxes of books to Ms. Brillo and the ASRC directors for them to add to their collections or to constitute part of the rotating libraries serving the broader community.



*The directors of the ten American Studies Resource Centers and members of their affiliated American Studies Program Committees joined with the Cultural Affairs Office for a full-day discussion of program and management issues. The meeting was held in the U.S. Embassy's Seafront Compound in Pasay City, May 23.*



*Ambassador Francis Ricciardone made welcoming remarks during a money laundering digital video conference featuring Susan L. Smith, Senior Trial Attorney with the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. Smith is shown on the monitor speaking live from Washington.*

## Program News

### U.S. Expert Discusses Anti-Money Laundering Strategies in DVC

On April 25, the Public Affairs Office held a digital video conference (DVC) entitled "Anti-Money Laundering: Effective Strategies

to Monitor, Investigate, and Prosecute Money Laundering Activity" as part of its effort to promote democracy and economic development and combat international crime in the Philippines. Susan L. Smith, Senior Trial Attorney with the Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, outlined the stages of money laundering and discussed the role of criminal and civil asset forfeiture in combating illegal activities. She described key money laundering cases, including the activities of the September 11 terrorists, to illustrate the importance of strong anti-money laundering legislation and enforcement.

Ambassador Francis Ricciardone welcomed the audience of some fifty people from the Anti-Money Laundering Council, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the House of Representatives, the Senate, the National Bureau of Investigation, the Central Bank of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, the Department of Justice, the Bankers' Association of the Philippines, and the media.

### U.S. Urban Conservation Expert Visits RP

During a May 13-17 lecture series, Dr. William Chapman, Director of the Historic Preservation Program at the University of Hawaii, spoke on U.S. heritage conservation and urban renewal issues at the University of the Philippines' School of

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*Dr. Chapman (center) and Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Molly Stephenson (third from right) are warmly welcomed at the Mariano Marcos State University by Dr. Nancy Balantac, Vice-President for Academic Affairs (second from right), Ms. Lucena Felipe, ASRC Librarian (fourth from right), Reverend Bucalen Saboy, ASRC Area Director (far right), and students.*

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Urban and Regional Planning. The program was cosponsored by the Philippine Humphrey Fellows Alumni Association and the Philippine Institute for Environmental Planners. The Metropolitan Museum of Manila also hosted Dr. Chapman at a forum on urban renewal that coincided with an exhibit on Quiapo District of Manila. Dr. Chapman called on representatives of the Mayor of the City of Manila and the Intramuros Administration before flying to the Northern Ilocos region, where he visited Paoay Church, a UNESCO heritage site. He met with local government and church leaders and was interviewed for a local radio program. The following day, he proceeded to the historic town of Vigan, another UNESCO heritage site. At the University of the Northern Philippines, Vigan, Dr. Chapman discussed models for historic district preservation with approximately 60 local government leaders, advocacy group members, architects, and university faculty and students. With slides to illustrate his case studies, he stressed the importance of maintaining the authenticity of historic zones. He challenged the people of Vigan to develop a preservation plan similar to Charlotte, North Carolina to prevent the city from becoming a "museum" like St. Augustin, Florida or Williamsburg, Virginia. Dr. Chapman also attended the National Commission for Culture and the Arts' workshop in Tayabas, Quezon.

## PAS Manila Participates in Joint Training Program for University Teachers

The Public Affairs Section participated in a four-day training program coordinated by the Department of Political Science of the University of the Philippines, Diliman and the University of the Philippines in Mindanao for 50 university teachers of international relations, political science and government in Davao City, May 29-31. Program objectives included training teachers of Political Science and other social science disciplines to develop the skills to teach Politics and Governance and to update their knowledge of current issues. CAO Thomas Kral shared the podium with Basilan Congressman Abdulgani (Gerry) Salapuddin for a full morning session devoted to the subject of "International Terrorism."

## East Asia Regional English Language Officer Conducts Programs

During a two week program in the Philippines, April 15-26, Dr. Craig Dicker, East Asia Regional English Language Officer, addressed and worked with different groups of educators on critical topics including content-based language instruction (CBI), civic and environmental education and the teaching of academic literacy skills. As a follow-up to the July, 2001 Summer Institute on CBI for math, science and English teachers from across the Philippines, Dr. Dicker gave a series of

lectures on this topic at the Philippine Normal University, the University of the Philippines, the University of San Tomas and Ateneo de Davao. Since Filipino students often lack the requisite academic language skills needed to acquire mathematical and scientific knowledge, teachers of math, science and English must acquire strategies for teaching language and content simultaneously, providing contextually enriched environments to allow English learners to acquire the challenging math and science content. Addressing the subject of academic literacies in his keynote address at the second national conference of the Association of English Researchers and Teachers (ASSERT) at INNOTECH, Quezon City, Dr. Dicker addressed the social and cultural characteristics of literacy skills. He also discussed models for infusing habits of reading and reconstituting literacy within the social and cultural frameworks of the Philippines. He sees new approaches to academic literacy as critical to the advancement of the overall educational health of the country.

## Cultural Affairs Office Supports RP Efforts to Institute General Education Reform

Cultural Affairs Officer Thomas Kral was the keynote speaker at events organized by the Philippine Association of Language Teachers (PALT) May 1-3, 2002 and the Philippine Normal University, (PNU) May 6-8 to implement the New Basic Education Curriculum for elementary and secondary schools. He also addressed this issue during a three-day seminar sponsored by the Linguistic Society of the Philippines (LSP) at the University of San Tomas, May 16-18. Teachers from the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) joined with more than 200 other teachers representing all sixteen regions of the country at the 41st annual conference of PALT in Baguio. The PNU assembled 125 teachers from the island of Luzon for an intensive three-day program. And the LSP gathered 25 teachers from the National Capital Region and surrounding provinces for an update on language teaching approaches.

## IRC News

### TJIC Staff Join Professional Activities

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participated in this year's IRC Annual East Asia Information Resource Center (IRC) Directors Conference held in Beijing, March 18-22, 2002. The lectures and workshop sessions of the conference focused on the themes of managing in an era of constant change and on developing databases to meet the unique reporting requirements of IRCs. This annual conference provides an opportunity for the IRC directors in the region to keep up with developments in the information environment and constantly evolving role of IRCs. It also is a venue for renewing professional ties and exchanging "best practices ideas" which the IRC directors find essential to strengthen their regional network.

Rene Garcia, TJIC's Computer Management Assistant, attended the Basic IRC Research Skills Workshop in Bangkok, May 13-17, 2002. The workshop lectures, video presentations, reference exercises and "hands on" training sessions on searching online databases subscribed to by IRCs were designed to develop the participants' skills in providing reference and outreach services.

Brinerdine Alejandrino, TJIC Information Specialist, was elected vice president of the University of the Philippines Library Science Alumni Association



**U.S. Book Donations Received:** Efren Balajadia, Director of The Asia Foundation's Books for Asia program, turns over to Eva Brillo, Director of the U.S. Embassy's Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC), 1,458 American Studies books that the foundation donated to the ten American Studies Resource Centers (ASRCs) located at universities in major cities around the Philippines. Dr. Thomas Kral, U.S. Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer (far left), Dr. Steven Rood, The Asia Foundation Representative in the Philippines (right), and the ASRC directors are shown witnessing the donation. The TJIC sorted and shipped the books to the ASRCs.

(UPLSAA) during its homecoming and annual assembly held on May 25, 2002.

Elnora Conti, TJIC Senior TJIC Information Specialist, was elected to the 2002 Board of Trustees of the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI) and serves as treasurer and chair of the conference committee.

Eva Brillo, TJIC Director, received the Philippine Academic & Research Libraries (PAARL) 2001 Research and Academic Librarian Award during PAARL's annual assembly this year.

### Web Sites Worth Visiting

*Asian Nation: The Landscape of Asian America*

A gateway into the Asian American community from an Asian American's perspective.

<http://www.asian-nation.org/index.html>

*Patterns of Global Terrorism 2001*

Annual report of the Department of State

<http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/pgtrpt/2001/pdf/>  
<http://www.state.gov/s/ct/rls/pgtrpt/2002/html/>



**New IVs Welcomed:** International Visitors who participated in a special project on conflict resolution and development in Mindanao pose with Ambassador Francis Ricciardone and officers from the American Embassy at a Manila pre-departure luncheon hosted in their honor. ACO Molly Stephenson and CAO Thomas Kral are shown in the back. Marilou Apolinario, Anwar Malang, Susana Anayatin, Ambassador Ricciardone, Sophia Dimalog, Saidona Singgon, Julkipli Wadi, and Labor Attachè Richard Nelson are shown in front row from left.

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### *Globastat: Country Rankings and World Statistics*

Rankings of 198 countries in more than 140 categories based on CIA World Factbook 2001.

<http://globastat.com/>

### *Capital Punishment*

Web page of the International Information Program of the U.S. Department of State contains official and non-official materials that provide a background and context for the debate currently going on in the U.S. on this subject.

<http://usinfo.state.gov/topical/rights/hrpage/cp.htm>

### *Food Security and Safety*

A special issue of the U.S. Department of State's electronic journal, *Economic Perspectives*, aims to educate foreign audiences on U.S. policy and on the debate in the United States over food security and safety.

<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/ites/0502/ijee0502.htm>



**“Moment of Remembrances” Observed:** American Carson Bridges (left) and Filipina Pam Sardea, both eight years old and children of U.S. Embassy personnel, place roses during the minute of silence portion of the U.S. Memorial Day ceremony at the American Cemetery and Memorial in Fort Bonifacio. The event honored men and women who died in service to the United States. U.S. Ambassador Francis J. Ricciardone and Philippine Secretary of Defense Angelo T. Reyes spoke during the May 27 ceremony at the cemetery, which is the final resting place of more than 17,000 U.S. military personnel.



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